



March 29, 2004

Trumpet Online available at <http://www.wartburg.edu/trumpet>

# Many colleges face higher costs

By KATIE KIRKLE  
Copy Editor

Students at both state-funded and private colleges are concerned about the rising costs of tuition, room and board. Advantages may include new technology, better facilities and more campus programming, but how does Wartburg stack up against the competition?

The tuition increase set for Wartburg's 2004-2005 school year is 6.2 percent (\$1,150), and room and board is up another \$250. Comprehensive costs are up 5.9 percent. Next year's tuition and other fees will total about \$25,050.

The good news is that Wartburg has one of the smallest increases among neighboring schools. Tuition at the University of Northern Iowa is going up 9.58 percent, and tuition at Simpson College will be up 8.5 percent. Luther College will be experiencing a tuition hike of 6.8 percent, where students will have to fork over \$27,240 in costs.

Among the Iowa Conference schools, Wartburg ranks as the second lowest in costs, edging out the University of

Dubuque. Cornell College ranks as the highest with projected comprehensive costs of \$28,890 for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Despite the lower comparative costs, Wartburg students are still concerned about funding their education.

"I think it's interesting that other schools have gone up more, but I just focus on Wartburg," said junior Brianne Borgie. "I knew coming in that tuition would go up, but it's the school that matters most to me."

Freshman Scott Riggs is worried about how much costs will go up during the next few years.

"If costs keep going up, it could be \$30,000 a year by the time I graduate. How am I going to pay for that if my scholarships don't increase with tuition?" Riggs said. "I also think that the college should offer an agreement with freshmen that when tuition does rise, the students will only have to pay up to a certain percentage of the increase. I know Gustavus Adolphus has a system like this, and it is working well for my older sister who attends the college."

The system that Riggs mentioned is Gustavus' guaranteed cost plan. The plan guarantees tuition, room

and board fee increases of no more than 3.9 percent per year for the students' four consecutive years at Gustavus. The plan does come at a non-refundable, non-transferable cost of a \$600 premium payable when they enter the college as freshmen.

Wartburg is trying to cushion some of the difference by increasing financial aid. Some of the financial aid will come from increased tuition and some from funded and endowed scholarships. The financial aid office does not finalize numbers until the end of the academic year, but according to Jen Sassman, director of financial aid, the amount of funded and endowed scholarships disbursed to students during the 2002-2003 school year was \$669,090.

Sophomore Daniel Luepke was also worried about the rising cost. "I keep track of how much other colleges are increasing in tuition, but it's more the school that matters for me. However, financial aid also matters a lot, as I like the feeling that something is actually being done with my money," Luepke said.

Copy Editor Katie Kirkle can be reached at  
[Katie.Kirkle@wartburg.edu](mailto:Katie.Kirkle@wartburg.edu)

## Tuition and fee comparisons

	Wartburg	Luther	Simpson	Gustavus Adolphus
03-04 Tuition AND Fees	18,550	21,600	18,097	21,760
03-04 Room/Board	5,100	4,100	5,561	5,460
03-04 Total	23,650	25,700	23,658	27,220
04-05 Tuition	19,700	23,070	19,635	22,955
04-05 Room/Board	5,350	4,170	5,561	5,810
04-05 Total	25,050	27,240	25,196	28,765
Tuition increase	6.20%	6.81%	8.50%	5.49%
Total Overall Increase	5.92%	5.99%	6.50%	5.68%

See eight more schools online at [www.wartburg.edu/trumpet](http://www.wartburg.edu/trumpet)

Coming next week...

breakdown of Wartburg's yearly operating budget

Illustration by Kelsey Harrison

## Student-to-faculty ratio increases in four years

By ALLISON SCHMIDT  
Staff Writer

Wartburg's student-to-faculty ratio has continued to increase from 2001 to 2004.

According to Dr. Ferol Menzel, dean of faculty and vice president for academic affairs, the current student-to-faculty ratio is 13.6 students to one faculty member, compared to 13.04 in 2002-2003 and 12.81 in 2001-2002.

Despite the increase, Wartburg's student-to-faculty ratio remains competitive with other colleges of similar size. Luther College has a student-to-faculty ratio of 13.1, while Central College and Simpson College have ratios of approximately 14 students to one faculty member.

Menzel said Wartburg's Faculty Council, the planning arm of the faculty, recommended to the Board of Regents at the February meeting that a student-to-faculty ratio range of 12 to 14 students to one faculty member is what members deemed appropriate. Menzel noted that Wartburg is currently within those guidelines.

The council also made recommenda-

tions regarding average class size, ratio of adjunct faculty to full-time faculty and student profile.

"The Board received and endorsed these recommendations, so as we plan faculty resources we will plan to achieve these ranges," Menzel said.

Menzel said that since 1999, 14 full-time positions have been created, most of which came in 2000 with the addition of four positions. Next year two new faculty positions will be added, one in neurobiology and one in biochemistry. According to Menzel, the biochemistry position has already been filled.

In 1999 three new positions were created, one in theatre, one in music and one in physics. In 2000 one communication arts, one religion, one English, one Spanish and a part-time religion position made up the 4.5 new positions created. The year 2001 brought new positions to the English, high brass and religion departments. In 2002 the two positions were in education and psychology. A computer science and an English position were the two additions in 2003. The class enrollment cap required by



Tina Hinz/TRUMPET

**AFRICAN SKIT**— Sophomores Noel Tarimo and Delford Doherty and junior Teddy Annang perform a comedic rendition of three men trying to make themselves attractive for a woman at the culture festival and dinner Sunday. The event wrapped up Culture Week.

the Educational Policies Committee is 24. Wartburg's current average class, however, size is approximately 21 students, Menzel said. Class size is important to many Wartburg students, including freshman Amanda Pullin.

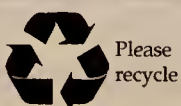
"I knew when looking at schools the most vital necessity in my choosing a college would be the size of enrolled students," Pullin said. "I come from a large high school where I directly experienced the downside to having large class sizes as well as other cons. Class size is important to me."

Sophomore business major William Wallin agreed, stating that Wartburg's small class sizes and student-to-faculty ratio was an important part of his decision to attend Wartburg.

"Smaller class sizes allow the professor more time for individuals and helping/answering questions in a personal manner," Wallin said. "More kids mean more distractions and less personal attention."

Staff Writer Allison Schmidt can be reached at  
[Allison.Schmidt@wartburg.edu](mailto:Allison.Schmidt@wartburg.edu)

### CONTACT

Office: 352-8676  
Advertising: 352-8618Send news tips to  
[trumpet@wartburg.edu](mailto:trumpet@wartburg.edu)

### INDEX

Op/Ed.....2  
News.....1, 3, 4Diversions.....5  
Sports.....6-8

### WEATHER

High 48 / Low 31

10 percent chance of precipitation



# Four years of joy and trial

By IBRAHIM KHADER  
Columnist

Sadly, this is my last column in the Trumpet. For the past two years I have written about issues of national and global dimensions, where I have managed to satisfy and/or anger many readers. I have been intrigued by the positive and negative responses I received about my opinions publicly and privately, whether it was a civilized letter to the editor or private hate mail telling me to get out of the U.S. and go back to my country. All in all, I was glad to have challenged the minds of the readers.

However, in this column, I will deviate from my previous writing style to share with you some of the more challenging, unique and sad experiences I have encountered during my studies at Wartburg.

Challenging Episode: During my sophomore year, I applied for a



service trip to Washington, D.C., during Winter Break. Our group consisted of 12 members. Prior to the trip, as a group, we built strong relationships amongst each other as well as trust and respect. About a week before the trip, one of our members dropped out. Now, we were left with a group of 11 people, 10 girls and myself! Boy, that was a trip I will never forget. A 20-hour ride in a van and hanging out together for a week in D.C. was quite the challenge. By the end of the trip I felt as if I had just earned a Ph.D. that would allow me to rewrite the script of "What Women Want."

Unique Experience: During my junior year, I was part of a group of 13 Wartburg students, both international and American, and a professor, who set out to help Palestinian high school students pay for their final examination fees. We called our fund Leading Education And Relief for Nablus (LEARN). In the span of 70 days, we collected \$9001.68 and sent it to

the Directory of Education in Nablus, Palestine. Our group made the news all over the U.S., Europe and the Middle East. Simply type in a search online and you will read

**"Education is what we come here for, only to realize it is one of many things we gain."**

about the impact we made. This was truly one of the proudest moments of our lives. I will be forever grateful to all those who helped us, especially the Trumpet's Amy Serflaten, whose article brought us a single check of

\$2500.

Sad Experience: I had just returned to Wartburg from home, where war has torn my country for years, to a land my family considered a safe haven. Little did we know. A few weeks later 9/11 happened, and this country was at war as well. With all respect to the lost lives, I have to commend the strength and compassion our Wartburg community showed towards international students during those tough times. Although I am a foreigner, an Arab, and a Muslim, Wartburg took

measures to ensure my safety. I proudly tell you, that I was treated well and respected at the time. Furthermore, I was able to openly and comfortably share my point of view in classrooms and community dialogues.

Why am I bragging about these experiences? There are probably thousands more compelling stories that are worth printing. The answer is simple: To send out the message that we are all unique in our own little ways.

As this year closes, I encourage you to look around and think of the people and events that have made an impact on your life. Take the time to tell those people how much you appreciate their friendship. Time is running out, and some of us will never see each other again. As I look back, I realize how incredibly fast these past four years have passed. Therefore, take advantage of your time here and make the best out of it. Education is what we come here for, only to realize it is one of many things we gain.

Columnist Ibrahim Khader can be reached at [Ibrahim.Khader@wartburg.edu](mailto:Ibrahim.Khader@wartburg.edu)

## The earthly use of a liberal arts education

By PAUL FORSYTH  
Columnist

In the fall of 2000, Wartburg instituted a new plan of educational requirements. The new Inquiry Studies classes were specially designed as an integral part of the new plan. This term will be the first time that virtually everyone on campus either has been or is currently enrolled in IS 101. So all of you will know what I'm talking about.

Inquiry Studies is designed to acquaint us with the true values of a liberal arts education. Learning for the sake of learning. Becoming well-rounded individuals. Examining our positions in and contributions to society. Becoming life-long learners. Whatever.

Don't get me wrong—these goals are all fine and good. But IS totally neglects the greatest treasure available to those with a liberal arts education, and from what I hear around campus, this has got to be exactly what people are looking for:

Chicks dig it.

Seriously, I'm talking total babe magnet if you use it correctly. Who cares if a liberal education is not focused on getting you a job? It will help you find The (significant) Other.

I first developed this theory sometime last semester, but what liberally educated young man would believe such a claim without some sort of proof? Being the amateur scientist that I am, I knew that some research and testing were necessary to establish this as fact. (Women please



note: I'm not in a science-related major, but I like to branch out.)

I performed the initial tests at various singles' bars. I found an attractive young co-ed who didn't appear to be with anyone. We greeted each other, made a little small talk, and then I pulled out the big guns: "You know," I said, "I am liberally educated." Now, a gentleman like myself never shares the details of something like this, but let's just say that her response made me feel higher than Hawkeye Point (that's the highest point in Iowa, for my fellow topography enthusiasts in the reading public). Subsequent tests yielded similarly favorable results. One time I barely got past "Konichiwa" (yeah, that's Japanese) before I knew that I had scored another success in the name of a liberal arts education.

Several months ago, I was out for a walk when I saw the women's cross country team running by. I considered another impromptu test. Luckily, by this time I knew the power of this gift, so I refrained for fear of being undone by their much greater numbers. There was only one of me and about a dozen of them. That's a 1:12 ratio. (I dabble in the field of mathematics a little, too.)

I encourage all of you to try it for yourselves. The next time you are talking to that certain crush of yours, casually mention your liberal arts education. Don't be surprised if things turn out very well for you.

Pragmatism is the name of the game in the world of liberal arts. The true use of IS class is to serve as a springboard into a practical means of impressing the ladies. Why else would we have watched "Antonia's Line"?

Columnist Paul Forsyth can be reached at [Paul.Forsyth@wartburg.edu](mailto:Paul.Forsyth@wartburg.edu)



Editor's note: This is a section that allows readers to submit an anonymous opinion in two sentences or less. Send submissions for "Blow Your Horn" to [trumpet@wartburg.edu](mailto:trumpet@wartburg.edu).

- Please fix the door clicking in Founders. It makes a sound that can be heard on the third floor. We've called security. What now?
- Everyone hates the Saturday final exam times. So why do we have them?
- The cultural dinner rocked my world!

## Show students respect with class organization

By AMANDA WEBB  
Features Editor

Time, as we all know, is precious. A cardinal rule of college is don't waste the professors' time.

I wish this courtesy would be returned to students more often.

I do not disagree with the pop quizzes and attendance policies professors use to make the most of class time, but I do feel that many professors on this campus forget that time outside class is valuable too. As finals loom and time becomes crunched, I want to share some ideas for showing respect for students' time that I've learned from my educational psychology class.

My first suggestion is do not tread on the sacred ten minutes between classes. This time is more than travel time, it is used by students to reset their attention span. The average student has a 20-minute attention span. The shortest class periods are an hour and five minutes. Any student who manages to stick to 65-minute lecture needs downtime between classes to regain focus. Professors who start class early or run late are hampering students' ability to learn, not only in that class but in the next class as well.

The second thing that more professors could do is be prepared. I'm not talking about those few days when everything falls apart. I'm talking about when the whole term is unplanned. On this campus, I have experienced classes that

should have been double the time allotted, there was so much material, and classes that have so little material class is constantly done early. When I go to class and sit there as the professor gives a convoluted, senseless lecture, I wonder if I should have skipped. Part of being a successful educator is to know the time constraints and to work effectively within them. I encourage professors to use the time they have and to be realistic about how much time it actually is.

My last bit of wisdom deals with appointments. It is frustrating when I go to a professor's office only to wait outside for an hour or talk with a professor who later forgets what we discussed. Setting up appointments is better than attending office hours because time with a professor is guaranteed. However, appointments only work when professors remember and keep them. Also, professors could learn from their students by taking notes and making sure that all the important aspects are covered in the meeting. Professors then have a backup if they forget what was said in the conference.

Most professors are respectful of students' time and appointments. I'm writing this in the hopes that professors will reexamine their own practices, remembering that Wartburg has only a few super-students who could deal with these occurrences and not become upset or annoyed. I'm not one of them.

Features Editor Amanda Webb can be reached at [Amanda.Webb@wartburg.edu](mailto:Amanda.Webb@wartburg.edu)

### WARTBURG TRUMPET

Editor-in-Chief

Nathan Kerl

News Editor

Tina Hinz

Sports Editor

Nick Petaros

Features Editor

Amanda Webb

Production Manager

Ben Shanno

Asst. Section Editors

Chrissy Berlin,

Kate Hunt

Graphic Artist

Kelsey Harrison

Photographers

Ben Shanno,

Erica Finken, Crystal Tews,

Annina Rupe

Cartoonist

Steven C. Murray

Advertising

The Tower Agency

Copy Editors

Katie Kinkle, Kristin

Nelson, Kaela Bemis

Online Editor

Ben Brady

Adviser

Lil Junas

### PUBLICATION CALENDAR

The Trumpet is published every Monday of Wartburg's 2003-04 calendar year except Nov. 3, Nov. 10, Dec. 1, Dec. 15, March 8 and Apr. 12.

### DISCLAIMER

Views expressed on this and the opposing page are those of the editorial board and not necessarily those of the administration, faculty or staff of Wartburg College.

### TRUMPET OBJECTIVES

The Trumpet was founded in 1906 as the Wartburg Quarterly. It is committed to accurate, fair and comprehensive coverage of campus events and issues that affect the Wartburg community.

### TRUMPET LETTER POLICY

Letters to the editor are subject to editing without changing the meaning of the letter. Authors will not be notified of changes prior to publishing. Letters must be signed, fewer than 250 words, submitted by 5 p.m. Thursday and related to current issues involving the Wartburg community. Letters may be sent to the communication arts office or e-mailed to [trumpet@wartburg.edu](mailto:trumpet@wartburg.edu). Please type "Letter to the Editor" as the subject line. All publication is at the discretion of the Editor.

### ADVERTISING

Advertising deadline is the Wednesday prior to date of publication at 5 p.m. All advertising is through the Tower Agency at 352-8618.

### POSTMASTER

Wartburg Trumpet (USPS #666-740) is published weekly during the academic year by Wartburg College, 100 Wartburg Blvd; Waverly, IA. 50677. Periodical postage paid in Waverly, IA. 50677. Postmaster: Send address changes to Wartburg College, 100 Wartburg Blvd; Waverly, IA. 50677.

### CONTACTS

Trumpet office 352-8676





Tina Hinz/TRUMPET

**POUNDIN' FOR A CAUSE**—Mosai Newsom makes friends with sophomore Ashley Williams and puppy Moose before the start of the Wartburg Pavement Pounders Poundin' For a Cause 5-kilometer run/walk Sunday. Fifty-three participants attended the first-ever event. To date, about \$400 has been collected for cleft lip and palate research.

## On the record...

### On campus

■ March 20, Vogel Library, fire alarm sounding after open hours but no fire or smoke. Investigation revealed the detector on the first floor in the boiler room was activated. The system was reset and the alarm referred to the physical plant for repair.

■ March 20, V-Lot, fireworks and vandalism. A physical-plant employee contacted security to report persons setting off fireworks in the vicinity of V-Lot. Investigation revealed one student and two non-students were setting off fireworks and breaking beer bottles near the tennis courts. Alcohol was involved. The action was referred to residential life.

■ March 23, tennis courts, vandalism. Tennis team reported student playing frisbee golf broke out a window in tennis storage building

and then left the scene. A student identified as the one responsible was contacted and admitted to breaking the window. The case was referred to student life officials.

■ March 24, Physical Education Center, theft. A student reported someone had stolen his billfold from an unlocked locker while he was working out. No witnesses were available, and the billfold was not recovered.

### Waverly police log

■ March 11, approximately 10:40 p.m., assault. Waverly police received an assault report. Upon investigation, Jennifer Kipuyo, 25, of Waverly, was arrested for simple misdemeanor assault.

■ March 17, approximately 10:46 p.m., underage alcohol consumption. Waverly police arrested Daniel James McGonegle, 19, of Waverly, for possession of alcohol under legal age.

## Voices of Unity to perform

### Freshman directs gospel choir from Waterloo

By NATHAN COUNTRYMAN  
Staff Writer

Wartburg will host the Voices of Unity Gospel Choir concert Thursday in the Student Union's Heritage Ballroom.

Directed by freshman Terrence Thomas, Voices of Unity will perform gospel pieces, including traditional and contemporary styles. The group will perform several songs a capella as well as some with rhythm and beats of South African origin. The group also incorporates dancing and pantomiming into their songs, adding more energy and entertainment to the choir's performance.

Voices of Unity, a new campus gospel choir, is composed of 29 Waterloo area high school and college students. Admission is free.

Thomas added that he wanted to perform at Wartburg because it is not an event typically hosted at the college, and he hopes the performance will help give students a different cultural experience.

"I really hope people will come out to our concert," Thomas said. "It should be a great experience to allow others to praise and worship God in a new way."

Thomas took over the choir during his junior year of high school, one year after the previous director left.

"It's a little difficult, although not as difficult as it could be, to stay on top of my school work and keep a choir organized at the same time, but I can't complain," Thomas said.

Voices of Unity is one of 28 finalists in the Big Showcase May 7 at the Electric Park Ballroom in Waterloo. Judges from Rose Records of New York will pick one or two groups from the Big Showcase to perform at the Apollo Theatre in New York City with all expenses paid.

"I'm so thrilled we might have a chance at performing at the Apollo Theatre," Thomas said. "This is a really big deal. People think Waterloo, Iowa, doesn't have much talent, but this would give people here a chance to be seen."

Donations will be accepted at the door to help fund uniforms and photos for the choir's audition.

"It would be a pretty good accomplishment if we made it that far, and I know God will provide many more doors after that."

## Upcoming concerts

### Thursday

■ 7 p.m. — Voices of Unity, Heritage Ballroom

Admission: free-will donations accepted at the door.

### Friday

■ 7:30 p.m. — Ninth Street Jazz Band and Knightlites Jazz Band concert, Neumann Auditorium

Admission: free

### Saturday

■ 2 p.m. — St. Elizabeth Chorale, Ritterchor and Symphonic Band concert, Neumann Auditorium

Admission: free

■ 7:30 p.m. — Wartburg Choir concert, chapel

Admission: free

### Sunday

■ 1:30 p.m. — Wind Ensemble Tour Concert, Neumann Auditorium

Admission: free

■ 3:30 p.m. — Castle Singers annual dessert concert, Knights Ballroom

Admission: \$4 for Wartburg students, \$10 for non-students

Staff Writer Nathan Countryman can be reached at [Nathaniel.Countryman@wartburg.edu](mailto:Nathaniel.Countryman@wartburg.edu)

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### NEW MEDIA MANAGERS ANNOUNCED

Media managers for the 2004-2005 academic year include the following: junior Lisa Jebson, The Castle editor; junior Matt Krivanek, Wartburg Television station manager; freshman Allison Schmidt, The Trumpet editor-in-chief during Fall Term and junior Chrissy Berlin during Winter Term; sophomore Bridget Steere, Fortress editor; junior Jason Burns, KWAR station manager; and junior Ashley Knutson, Tower Agency corporate executive officer.

### MINISTRY BOARD TO BE ELECTED

Campus ministry board elections are before and after Eucharist Wednesday in the Chapel narthex.

### MAY TERM SENATE CANDIDATES

May Term Senate elections will be Tuesday. Candidates are senior Jeremy Ziemer; juniors Anne Bonsall, Annie Fox, Emily Friedman and Sarah Walters; sophomores Bethany Duncan, Laura Guth and Travis Olson; freshmen Brian DeMoss and Amanda Pullin. Voting will take place using eVote. Students need to vote for six candidates. Senate applicants statements are posted in the entry of the Student Union.

### WOODS RECEIVES RED CROSS AWARD

Dawn Woods, maintenance housekeeper for Founders Hall and Clinton Hall, received the Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES) Outstanding Service Award March 10 from the Hawkeye Chapter of the American Red Cross. AFES receives, confirms and sends all emergency messages to military personnel worldwide.

### 14 SENIORS HIGHLIGHT ART IN SHOW

Fourteen senior art majors will exhibit their artwork in the Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery March 30 to May 23. The artists are Amy Baldwin, Heidi Brumm, Brian

Burrier, Laura Friedrich, Crystal Gambaiani, Brad Hodapp, Jenna Kintzle, Jacob Kohlhaas, Amanda Nelson, Michael Nissen, Clint Prescott, Emily Seboldt, Yoshitsugu Ujo and Kristin Vorderstrasse. A public reception will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. April 4.

### COMMUNICATION ARTS SENIOR PROJECTS

Fourteen communication arts seniors will present final projects from their capstone course at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Buckmaster Room. Each group will respond to a hypothetical situation, justifying the response through questions raised by a panel of professionals and audience members. The event is open to the campus community.

## CAR TROUBLES?



## Coonradt Ford

Convenient! Across the street, just south of campus!

We service all domestic makes and models.

Work for the Trumpet!

See available positions at

[www.wartburg.edu/trumpet/](http://www.wartburg.edu/trumpet/)

## BENEFIT DANCE

Common Ground to perform a benefit dance for Comprehensive Systems, Inc.

Friday, April 2

8 p.m. - 12 Midnight

Admission - \$6

Present this ad at the door and receive \$1 off admission.



## Burning Questions?

Where are the lost and founds located on campus?

Campus security is a recommended location to turn in found items and to report lost items. Each building, however, maintains its own lost and found collection point. They include the following:

- Communications Arts: FAC Room 135
- Computer Technology Services: Luther Hall Room 206
- Luther Hall: Room 206 (student life office)
- Music Department: FAC Room 118
- Neumann Auditorium: Luther Hall Room 206
- Old Main: Old Main Room 300A
- Physical Education Center (PEC): PEC complex front desk
- Student Center: information desk
- Vogel Library: second floor circulation desk
- Whitehouse Business Center: information desk

Is the new science center still called Becker Hall of Science?

According to physical plant director John Wuertz, the new building is called the Science Center, which is made up of three separate halls: the North Science Hall, East Science Hall and Becker Science Hall.

How can a campus group advertise with the table tents in the Mensa?

To promote an event with table tents in the Mensa and Walkway Café, campus organizations should contact dining services at Ext. 8303 prior to their event to reserve the table tents. The flyers must be the correct size (4" X 8"); otherwise, they will not be posted. A total of 50 one-sided flyers are needed to fill table tents in both the Mensa and Walkway Café. All flyers are posted two days prior to the event and will be taken down the morning after.

# Psychology, speech blend for senior

By NATE KERL  
Editor-in-Chief

To some, forensics is simply a science actors portray on CBS's CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. But to senior Hiliary Baethke and the Wartburg forensics team, the term means research, reason and eloquent speaking.

A native of Zumbrota, Minn., Baethke is a psychology major and president of the forensics team.

While she may be known as a word molder on campus, she was recognized nationally March 13. Baethke is one of only 12 college students in the nation to be honored as an American Forensics Association All-American. The honor comes from academic excellence and service to forensics and her community.

"I was really surprised I received the award," Baethke said. "There are a lot of deserving people on the circuit, and I'm glad they chose me."

A quick glance of the team's ever-changing trophy case confirms Baethke's and the team's success.

Baethke's success is not a surprise to many who know her as a determined individual. Baethke works every weekday morning for two hours for Dr. Penni Pier, assistant professor of communication arts and coach of the forensics team. Baethke also rehearses with Pier at least twice a week, and the team rehearses every Wednesday night. Also, like athletic teams, the

forensics team is gone many weekends for a season that lasts all year long.

Despite all this involvement, Baethke's original intent wasn't to continue on her four years of involvement in high school speech. In fact, she didn't even know Wartburg had a forensics program when she was looking at schools.



Senior  
Spotlight

2004

"It was the first school I visited...when I came to campus. It just felt like home," Baethke said.

Wartburg's revival of the forensics program came during Baethke's freshman year when coach Pier came to campus.

"It was in existence, but they went to maybe two tournaments a year," Baethke said.

The team's budget at that time was only \$2,000. To put things in perspective, Baethke notes that one tournament costs about \$1,000.

Baethke said the improvement came as a "team effort."

"We've performed well, and it shows to President Ohle and administrators who deemed it a worthwhile activity," Baethke said.

Senate funding, Wartburg and several fund-raisers also help the team travel to more than a dozen tournaments during the year, each two to three days long.

"We've come a long way but still feel we need to grow with our budget," Baethke said.



Erica Finken/TRUMPET

**ALL-AMERICAN SMILE**—Senior Hiliary Baethke poses with some of her awards from Forensics. Baethke was one of 12 college students named All-American for forensics this year.

Although Baethke admits she often spends more time in the CAC than Luther Hall, where her major is housed, she'll continue her studies next year at the University of Northern Iowa in applied clinical psychology. Baethke will focus on working with teenage females with an emphasis in areas of aggression and bullying.

Although Baethke notes she won't be competing in forensics any longer after graduation from Wartburg, she will keep up with the field.

"I know I'll be asked to judge and I'll do so. If I wanted to, I could go into graduate school for this, but

## Fast Facts

**Major:** Psychology  
**Hometown:** Zumbrota, Minn.  
**Favorite Class:** Literature and Film

**Favorite Memory:** Freshman year when Brandon Newton came to my room wearing nothing but a CAF apron. He even showed up on St. Patrick's Day with nothing but a four-leaf clover!

**Biggest Influences:** My parents and Dr. Penni Pier

**Note to Peers:** Underneath it all, we are just people, and people need to be cared for and loved.

**Pearl of wisdom:** "Devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning" - Mitch Albom in "Tuesdays With Morrie."

it's not my career passion."

Before graduation, however, Baethke and two other team members, junior Erika Quade and sophomore Tiffany Flowers, have qualified for the AFA-NIET national tournament April 2-5 in Long Beach, Calif. Baethke herself has qualified for four events—Communication Analysis, Persuasion, Program Oral Interpretation and Drama. In addition she will represent the state of Iowa in the Iowa Interstate Oratory Contest in Arizona, one of the nation's oldest speech contests.

Editor-in-Chief Nate Kerl can be reached at Nathan.Kerl@wartburg.edu

## Summer classes questioned

By PETER BRYLINKE  
Staff Writer

Summer classes are an option Wartburg students have to ensure meeting graduation requirements. Debate is over whether the two summer sessions cater to student need.

In 2003 approximately 240 students enrolled in Wartburg's two summer terms. Roughly 20 students also participated in internship programs at Wartburg West.

According to Dr. Edith Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management, one benefit of taking Wartburg summer courses is that the course schedule directly caters to the needs of Wartburg students.

"At community colleges and larger state schools, the student population can range from degree-seeking to non-degree-seeking students," Waldstein said. "At Wartburg, we know exactly who our audience is, so we try to put together a slate of programs typically needed by our own students."

Even so, many students choose to study elsewhere. Some return home to attend classes at an area college, and others feel Wartburg's summer class offerings are somewhat limited.

"I would have taken classes at Wartburg last summer, but nothing was

offered that really needed," said junior Wyatt Sheeder, a music education and music therapy major.

Waldstein explained that Wartburg's summer schedule consists mainly of essential education courses due to the summer program's low student population.

"It is easier to serve the greatest number of students by offering more general courses," Waldstein said.

Besides relieving the hassle of transferring credits, those taking summer classes at Wartburg generally save money. Wartburg's 2003 summer tuition was \$565 per course. University of Northern Iowa's was \$646.50, University of Iowa's \$663.50 and Iowa State University's \$667.50.

Financial aid is available for Wartburg summer school, primarily in forms of low-interest loans and campus employment.

Wartburg offers air-conditioned housing during the summer in either the Manors or Founders Hall. However, some students find it cheaper to live off campus as well as finding it a welcome change in surroundings.

"I wanted to spend at least a little time away from Wartburg so as to not get burned out when Fall Term began," said sophomore Ashley Weets.

Staff Writer Peter Brylinke can be reached at Peter.Brylinke@wartburg.edu

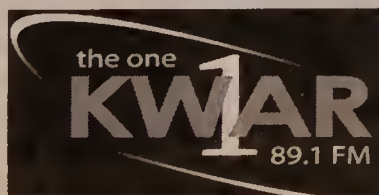
## Senate Focus

By KATIE BOWERS  
Staff Writer

Highlights from Student Senate meetings during the weeks of March 15 and 22:

- The Den-Rittersaal name will not change.
- Senate meetings will all be Thursday next year.
- The alcohol policy is still being discussed among members of the student relations committee. Increased fines were the main idea, which originated in the student life committee. Student life members will determine changes to be voted on by Senate. Talk to a student life committee member about concerns.
- Seniors have submitted a petition for move out to be Monday after graduation instead of graduation day. If interested in adding a signature, contact student body president Cassy Dearborn.
- Senate distributed funds, including \$200 to Poundin' For a Cause and \$500 to the Karate Club.
- Jesse Henkle, residence hall director, was recognized March 25 for "commendable service to the Wartburg community." Henkle is leaving Wartburg after this year.
- Senate May Term elections will be made at large instead of by building.

Staff Writer Katie Bowers can be reached at Katie.Bowers@wartburg.edu



We re The ONE station you need.

The ONE, The only.  
Are you listening?

Your best source for Wartburg  
News, Sports and Entertainment



WTV 8 News  
Monday at 8 p.m.

Sports Knight  
Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Late Knight  
Thursday at 8 p.m.

WTV 8 News stories this week include:  
Maintenance worker receives Red Cross award  
Culture week highlights Track, baseball highlights



The Cutting edge

50% off ALL HAIRCUTS

25% off ANY

CHEMICAL SERVICE

COUPON REQUIRED

Expires: April 4, 2004



410 W. BREMER WAVERLY 319-352-3022

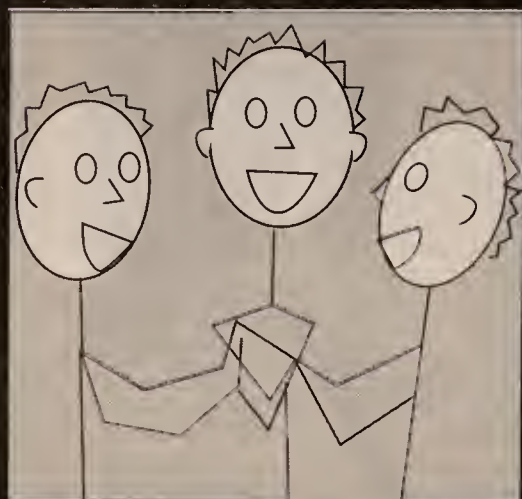


# Casting call

## Wartburg Players try organic casting for "Macbeth"

### How to cast organically

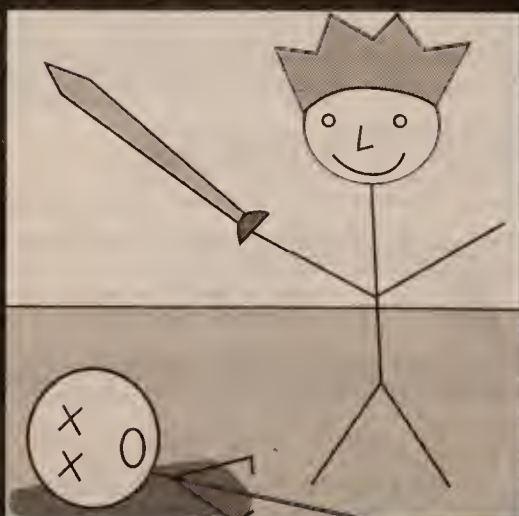
By VERN KLOBASSA  
Staff Writer



First, cast members participate in activities and discussions about the individual characters to come up with a group understanding of each character.



Second, after the cast has explored the characters, parts are assigned. This happens several weeks into rehearsals, much later than it would in normal casting.



Last, rehearsals involve the cast playing their assigned parts.

"A tool-belt of skills to pull from," said senior Sally Mitchell about a process called organic casting. Mitchell is the assistant director of Wartburg's Winter Term play, "Macbeth." But what is organic casting? Organic casting is a method of casting a show where the blocking, acting and cast is not preassigned. With organic casting, each character is examined as a group to determine how the character should be perceived and how the character would move and speak.

"It fosters creativity, and it forces the actors to internalize their role," said Mitchell. "Instead of being told what to do, they [the cast] have to figure it out for themselves."

The organic casting of "Macbeth" was facilitated by Sara Truesdale, daughter of the late Vern Truesdale, former Wartburg vice president of business and finance. Truesdale is a professional actress from the Twin Cities and was brought in to help the cast with the organic casting process.

"She has helped the actors and actresses to explore their roles in ways they might not have thought to," said junior Jamie Kranz, the stage manager for "Macbeth."

"The organic work is a lot more fun than the director telling you what you need to do because there is more ownership in the process," said Dr. William Earl, professor of theater. Dr. Earl also said that although organic casting is more fun, it is also more work.

Freshman Dana Collova, who plays a witch, commented on the casting process. "It was hard not to get direction for some things, but overall I liked that I had a bigger hand in deciding who my character was and what she would be doing or where she would be going," Collova said.

Truesdale is not the only professional brought in to work with the cast of Macbeth. Scott Nice, a professional fight choreographer who is an assistant professor at the University of Northern Iowa, was brought in to choreograph sword fights.

Sophomore Thomas Hansen plays Macbeth. Hansen is a Danish citizen who lives in Germany. This is Hansen's first term as a student and also on stage.

"I thought it would give me something fun to do besides my school work," said Hansen. Hansen also said that he enjoys being involved with the play.

"Macbeth" is a Shakespearean tragedy that takes place in medieval Scotland. The main character Macbeth, after fighting a successful battle, encounters a group of three witches, one of whom is named Hecate. Hecate tells Macbeth a prophecy that he will become the thane (a rank of Scottish nobility) and then the King. Macbeth is skeptical at first, but when the king appoints Macbeth a thane, he then casts away all of his doubts. This leads Macbeth down a twisted road, where he and Lady Macbeth plot to kill the king in order to make the prophecy come true.

"Macbeth" performances run April 1-3 at 8 p.m. in Players Theatre.



Annina Rupe/TRUMPET  
THE BATTLE IS  
ENJOIN'D—Freshman  
Marshall Ginter plays  
Banquo.

Illustrations by Kelsey Harrison

Staff Writer Vern Klobassa can be reached at  
Vern.Klobassa@wartburg.edu



Ryan Alloway, 17, was pumped.  
 "Let's get ready to rumble," he said.  
 And so it began....

# Breaking Down Barriers

By KATE HUNT  
 Assistant Sports Editor

Alloway got up at 7:30 to get ready for the day he'd been looking forward to for so long.

Alloway sat in Knights Gymnasium Saturday at the Fifth Annual Unified Sports Day. He, along with 120 Special Olympic athletes from a 30-mile radius around Bremer County and 90 Wartburg student volunteers, said the Special Olympic Oath in unison: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Alloway talked with others about the many projects he had done at school the week before, including building a bike, learning to drive, homework he had to do when he got back that night and the Dodge truck he would like to build from antique parts. He is a typical teenager.

With his team, Alloway participated in many events. After boasting about his basketball skills he showed that he was true to his word, when he made a free throw on the first try.

"Did you see that? I told you I could nail it!" he said.

Special Olympics International created Unified Sports. The program also strives to expand sports opportunities and integrates two different populations within the attitude of team unity.

#### At Wartburg

In his first year as President Jack R. Ohle suggested that Wartburg start a Unified Sports Day after seeing how successful it had been in his years at Drake University.

Lecturer in Physical Education Ann Arns and a committee of Wartburg students and directors of the Special Olympics Iowa branch work on this day throughout the year to make the event possible.

"A lot of our volunteers have never had the opportunity to interact with people with disabilities. The experience puts it all into perspective. They can see that they (special athletes) are thrilled to be included. It doesn't matter if they win or lose, they just want to have a chance," Arns said.

After organizing the event, Arns and all who are involved in the planning can watch the day unfold.

"The relationships and interactions of the special athletes and the student volunteers is very special and unique," Arns said.

Friendships come easy for senior Shawn Welk, a business administration major who has helped to organize the event for three years. Welk has been given the title of the "ladies man," as many of the female special athletes flock to him. At the closing ceremony there were three women nearby that commented into the microphone, "Sean is great!" One said, "I like Sean because he is so cute."

"There were lots of hugs and kisses today," Welk said smiling. "I don't know what will happen next year. [Wartburg sophomore] Jason Steege said that he would step in next year for me, but those are big shoes to fill."

"You can see that they are so pure and so enthusiastic. It's so much fun."

Welk said.

Welk agrees that seeing the "smiles on the athlete's faces" makes the day worthwhile.

Meanwhile, Alloway has moved on to the final event, bowling.

"I am so good at this! You better stand back and watch how the master does it," Alloway said confidently.

The rubber ball rolled down the carpeted mat towards the plastic pins. With all of his teammates watching in the background, seven of the ten pins fell. On his second attempt, he knocked the remaining three pins down for a spare. With a smile that reached ear to ear, he said,

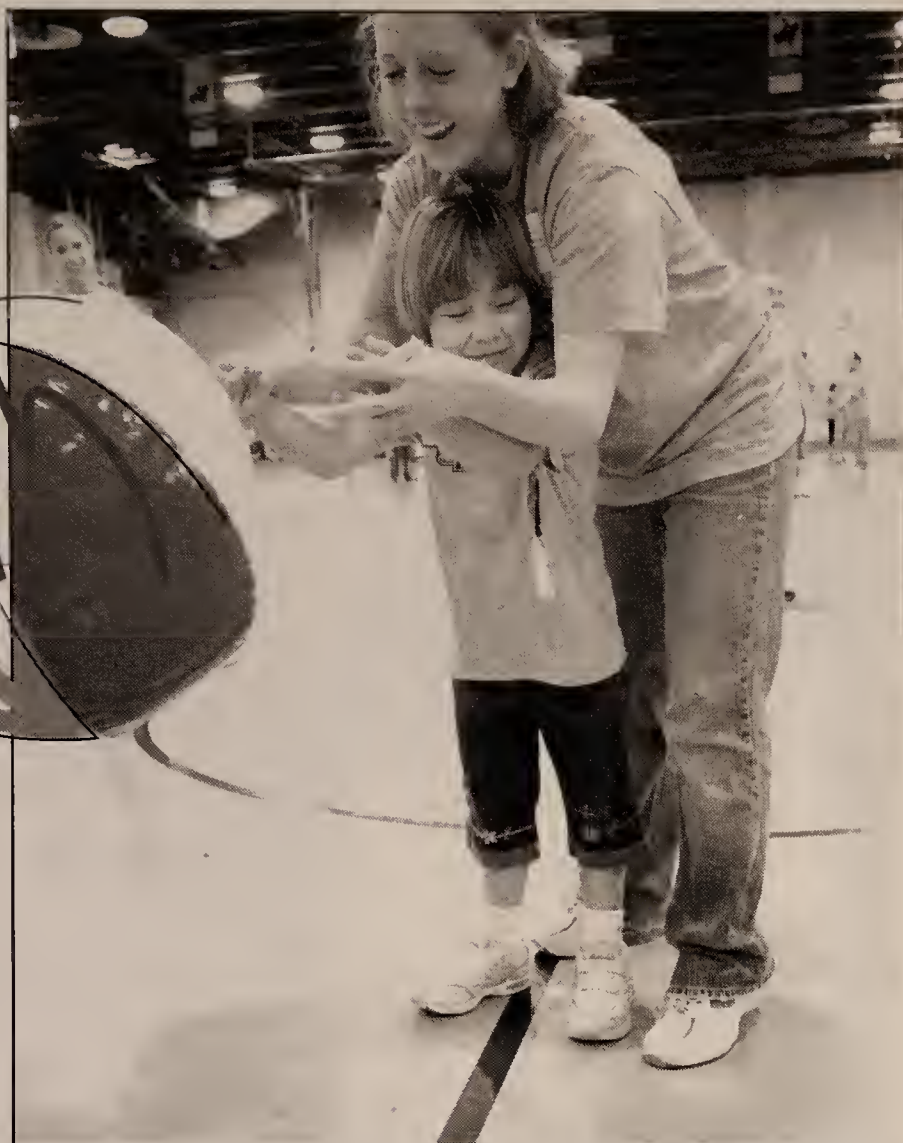
"That's how it's done!"

At the closing ceremony, each team went center-stage and said numerous things that the team and each individual had enjoyed throughout the day. Many dance moves were modeled, and the day ended with athlete Dean Shanka dancing to the song YMCA. All of the participants and the volunteers stood, clapping and singing along.

Knowing he was going back to the world of homework, building bikes, learning to drive and dreaming of a truck that someday he would make, Alloway looked at all of the participants leaving the bleachers.

"I had a lot of fun today, he said. "I can't wait to come back next year!"

Assistant Sports Writer Kate Hunt can be reached at Catherine.Hunt@wartburg.edu



Ben Shanno/TRUMPET

**PLAY TIME**—Eight-year-old Krista Rodenborn and sophomore Lindsey Burris played with a beach ball Saturday at the Fifth Annual Unified Sports Day. Rodenborn enjoyed playing away from the team with the beach ball or any other kind of ball she could find. She also liked to dance and liked to run under the parachute when it was lifted up. The Unified Sports Day was started at Wartburg College in 1999 at the request of President Ohle.



Ben Shanno/TRUMPET

**Above**—Senior Matt Stoffel doubles as a basketball hoop for a special athlete.

**Right**—Toni Gatto rolls the ball down the lane in an attempt for a strike. Gatto, who was a part of the Orange team, participated in a number of events including basketball, volleyball and bocce ball.



Graphic by Kelsey Harrison

## MINI STORAGE

**\*Wartburg Student Special Rate\*--May 21 to Sept. 7**

SIZE	TOTAL
5 x 10	\$135
10 x 10	\$180
10 x 12	\$217
10 x 20	\$263

Rental on a monthly basis is also available, and we would prorate days in May and September.

■ May Term starts April 28 ■ Graduation-May 25  
 ■ End of May Term-May 21 ■ Fall classes start Sept. 7

220 8th Avenue S.W., Box 268  
 Waverly, Iowa 50677  
 319/352-4286



Ecker's FLOWERS & GREENHOUSES, INC.

Visit Us at  
[www.eckersflowers.com](http://www.eckersflowers.com)

Or stop by at 410 5th St. NW  
 just three blocks East of the  
 Student Center  
 10% Wartburg student discount  
 when you present your I.D.

Open Mon. - Fri. 8 - 5:30 Sat. 9 - 3  
 352/1910 1/800-473 1910



# Struggles continue

## Late rallies lead to doubleheader disappointment

By AARON HAGEN  
Sports Writer

A pair of losses against St. Mary's provided an additional setback to the Wartburg baseball team Saturday.

As a part of their week-long home stand, the Knights were narrowly defeated Saturday 7-6 and 8-6 after earning a 3-1 win over Clarke Wednesday.

In game one of Saturday's doubleheader, Wartburg held an early 3-2 lead and increased it with a run in the fifth and sixth innings. The Knights could not hold onto the lead, however, as they gave up five runs in the seventh inning losing 7-6.

Sophomore Tyler Archer started the game but earned a no decision. He threw six innings, giving up no earned runs, and struck out three.

Senior Ash Larsen took the loss in relief. Senior Chris Winter along with juniors Joel Reynolds and Aaron Port each compiled two hits in the game to lead the Knight offense.

Big innings for each team characterized game two between St. Mary's and Wartburg. St. Mary's started off the game with four runs in the first three innings. Wartburg answered back, tying the game with a four-run third inning. St. Mary's would not go away as they came back with three runs in the top of the fourth inning. Wartburg scored two more runs in the game but fell short 8-6.

"We played well but not up to our full potential. In both games we had our chances to win the game but we just didn't get it done," senior Brian Pins said.

"We're still caught in not playing good baseball. We're going through a tough stretch where we're not getting the key hits when we need them," Coach Joel Holst added.

Sophomore Grant Finley took the loss for the Knights. He lasted just an inning and a third before giving way to the Knights' bullpen.

Senior Brian Pins and sophomore Brian Greiner combined for six hits in the game, while the rest of the line-up had just four hits combined. The game saw sloppy defense as 11 errors were made between the two teams.

Wednesday against Clarke, Wartburg took an early 1-0 lead on junior Joel Reynolds' third home

run of the season. Clarke came back and tied the score in the second inning but never took the lead.

Sophomore Brian Greiner led off the sixth inning with his fourth home run of the year, and junior Tito Romero drove in another run to give the team a 3-1 lead.

Freshman Matt Scherbring maintained the lead as he threw all nine innings, giving up one run and scattering seven hits to pick up his fifth win this season.

Greiner and Romero combined for four hits and three RBIs. Senior Caleb Klein and sophomore Pat Henderson each had a hit.

"Wednesday was a good game. We had another great pitching performance by Scherbring, who's been lights-out," said Henderson. "Good pitching and good defense will win a lot of games."

"We've been picking things up defensively. Offensively we need to get six to seven guys rolling again," Holst said.

The Knights, now 11-8, will travel to Franciscan College of Clinton for a 1 p.m. doubleheader on Tuesday.

Sports Writer Aaron Hagen can be reached at  
Aaron.Hagen@wartburg.edu



Molly Richards/TRUMPET

**MOVING ON**— Junior Caleb Klein advances to second base in Wednesday's win over Clarke College. Klein scored one of the three Knight runs.

## Central proves challenging

By ALLISON SCHMIDT  
Staff Writer

The Wartburg men's golf team kicked off the 2004 spring season Friday and Saturday at the Central Dutch Classic at the Bos Landen Golf Resort in Pella. The Knights' two-day total of 650 tied with Simpson for seventh place, 40 strokes back of Central College and Nebraska Wesleyan who tied for first place. Central captured first place by winning a two-team playoff.

Senior Andy Schmitz led the Knights on Friday with a 75, while sophomore Kevin Ault carded a 77. Senior Dan Schmitz and junior Alan Johnson rounded out Friday's team scoring with an 83 and 88, respectively. After Friday the Knights' team total of 323 put them in ninth place among the field of 14 teams.

On Saturday Dan Schmitz took charge and fired a two-under-par round of 70, which included four birdies in the first five holes. "That's a pretty good start," Schmitz said, "but when you play Bos, you can't get too ahead of yourself because each hole

is difficult enough to lose all those birdies in one hole."

Schmitz's 70 on Saturday was the low round of the tournament, and his two-day total of 153 earned seventh place overall individually.

The Knights' team score of 327 on Saturday also included an 83 from Johnson and 87's from both Andy Schmitz and Ault. The team finished seventh overall behind three Central teams, Nebraska Wesleyan, Kirkwood, Central and Loras.

The Knights will compete Thursday at the Knox Invite in Galesburg, Ill., before traveling to Rock Island, Ill., for the Augustana Invite Friday and Saturday.

### Team Scoring

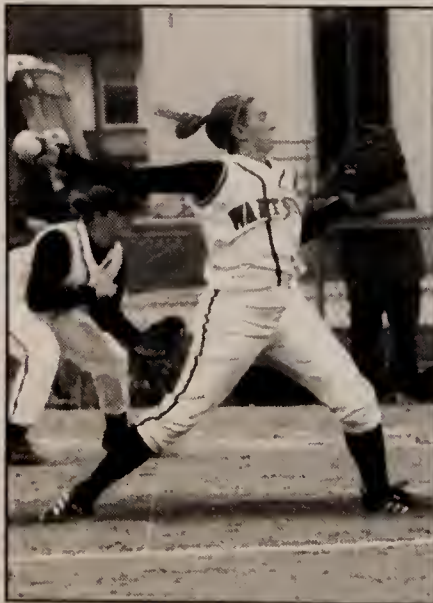
Wartburg	323	327	650
Dan Schmitz	83	70	153
Andy Schmitz	75	87	162
Kevin Ault	77	87	164
Alan Johnson	88	83	171

Sports Writer Allison Schmidt can be reached at  
Allison.Schmidt@wartburg.edu

## Win streak snapped

By HOLLIE REYNOLDS  
Sports Writer

When the Wartburg softball team received word late Friday afternoon that the tournament at Washington University in St. Louis was cancelled due to rain, the players packed their bags and headed to Winona, Minn. where they split a doubleheader with the Cardinals of St. Mary's. Against the Cardinals, Wartburg earned its 17th win and first loss of the season.



File Photo

**ACE**— Senior Kelly Watkins has led the Knight softball team on the mound this season. She is 7-0 with a 0.26 ERA with 39.2 innings pitched.

Led by the offense of sophomore Jenny Flora and freshman Steph Howe, who each went 2 for 3 with an RBI, the No. 8-ranked Knights cruised to a 4-3 victory. Howe's RBI came on her second home run of the season.

Senior Kelly Watkins continued to confuse opposing batters as she pitched a 4-hit, 2-strike out game to earn her 7th victory of the season. With the win the Knights remained undefeated, compiling a 17-0 record.

Wartburg's second game of the doubleheader against the Cardinals was scoreless until the 4th inning when both teams managed to cross home plate once. This would prove to be the last run the Knights could score.

St. Mary's scored the game's final run in the bottom of the final inning, making the score 2-1 and snapping the Knights' 17 game-win streak. The Cardinals recorded six hits and only one error, while the Knights offense produced five hits, but defensively picked up three errors in the game.

"Mental mistakes at the end of the game proved to be costly. We will take the loss as a learning experience," senior captain Heather Winter said.

The Knights will look to get back on track for their home-opener against the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse Wednesday at 3 p.m. The team will travel to Pella on Saturday for a 1 p.m. game against Central.

Sports Writer Hollie Reynolds can be reached at  
Hollie.Reynolds@wartburg.edu

**Godfather's Pizza**  
**DELIVERS!**

**352-6626**

**LARGE ONE  
TOPPING PIZZA**

**\$6.99**

**GET A SECOND LG.  
FOR \$6 MORE!!**

ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS EXTRA. NOT VALID  
WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. LIMITED  
DELIVERY TIMES. DELIVERY CHARGE EXTRA.  
EXPIRES 3/15/04

**LARGE 1 TOPPER  
AND A CINNAMON  
STREUSEL DESSERT  
(OR A 2 LITER OF COKE)**

**\$8.49**

ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS EXTRA. NOT  
VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFERS OR  
COUPONS. LIMITED DELIVERY TIMES.  
DELIVERY CHARGE EXTRA.  
EXPIRES 3/15/04

**MONDAY/TUESDAY SPECIAL: MEDIUM PIZZAS \$5.99!**  
**1016 W. BREMER AVE, WAVERLY**

Present This Coupon for \$2 OFF ADMISSION at **Joe's** Wednesday or  
WEDNESDAY WEDNESDAY WEDNESDAY

**Joe's ANNUAL LITE BEACH PARTY - LIMBO CONTEST AND VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY**  
DRESS UP IN YOUR FAVORITE BEACH APPAREL. WEAR YOUR SHADES, SHORTS, SANDALS, HATS, TEE SHIRTS,  
HAWAIIAN SHIRTS, BIKINIS OR SWIM SUITS. (NO BIRTHDAY SUITS, PLEASE) AND COME JOIN THE FUN AND GAMES.  
**VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY - (STILL ROOM FOR 2 TEAMS - SEE JOE OR DAVE).**

An Order of **Joe's** Special Wings FREE With Each Pitcher 4:30 to 11:30

**PROGRESSIVE 150¢ FROGS RUM/COCKES & STRIPPERS**  
150¢ CHEESE FRY 250¢ SOFT TACOS 40¢ WINGS PITCHER RELOADS 350¢ 11:30

FRIDAY SATURDAY  
**OPEN FOR LUNCH AT 11:00 SATURDAY NIGHT**  
75¢ FRY/SANDWICH - 2 TACOS \$2.50 **DANCIN'**





## SPORTS

March 29, 2004

## Outside opener



Ben Shonno/TRUMPET

**BOTH FEET ON THE GROUND**—Senior Sue Kuennen lands in the finals of the triple jump Saturday at the Wartburg Open. Kuennen finished 12th in her event with a jump of 9.19 meters. Wartburg's junior Annie Olson, who placed highest for the Knights, finished fifth.

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY  
Sports Writer

The Wartburg Knights men's and women's track teams started their outdoor season with a bang Saturday, with the men claiming three and the women two championships, along with several top-five finishes for both at the third annual Wartburg Open.

Sophomore Noah Wendland took the 800 meter record with a time of 1:52.49, setting the Open record and gaining a NCAA Division III provisional qualifying mark. The men also got a championship from senior Adam Tjeerdsmas in the 1500 with a time of 4:09.60. The third men's championship came from the 'A' 4

x 800 team, who set a Walston-Hoover Stadium record with a time of 8:04.91.

The women's team also had a good day, with sophomore Jill Robertson picking up the 5000 meter title and setting an Open record in a time of 19:08.14, while junior Brooke Ferguson took home the 3000 meter steeplechase championship in 11:49.88.

The women's team also had two competitors earn NCAA Division III provisional qualifying marks. Senior Theresa Stotts got hers in the hammer throw with a distance of 151'-11", while senior Kelly Foley received one for her 129'-08" throw of the javelin.

"Some people ended up running sprints instead of, say, the 800. Coach did

this to build up their endurance, and to help them keep their knees up for their kick," commented senior sprinter Jenny Goodall.

Goodall competed in the open 100 and 200 finishing second in the 100 (12.70) and fourth in the 200 (26.86).

The Knights hit the track April 2-3 at the Missouri Relays in Columbia, Mo., and Norse Relays in Decorah.

"That is a bigger meet (Missouri Relays); it is comparable to the Drake Relays with some high school events but it isn't as well known as the Drake relays," senior sprinter Holly Dorenkamp said.

Sports Writer Richard Podhajsky can be reached at [Richard.Podhajsky@wartburg.edu](mailto:Richard.Podhajsky@wartburg.edu)

## Rich Rites

## Finding America's game

Hello again, my faithful readers. I had a carefully plotted plan to write about basketball this week. Sure my pools weren't doing great, but I could have recovered. That was, until St. Joe's lost and totally blew my entire bracket. So, I shall look to the future of my sports world: baseball.

Yes, the baseball season starts again on Tuesday when the New York Yankees play the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at the Tokyo Dome in Japan. (That seems kind of odd, doesn't it, playing the first game of America's national pastime in another country? But that's a debate for another time.) This signals what I believe to be the greatest time of year for two reasons - the Cubs are still mathematically alive in the playoff race, and the days of sitting around on a warm afternoon or evening watching baseball are coming.

I know there are still many of you who are watching the NCAA tournament(s) with interest, and to you I wish the best of luck. There are also those who are already looking toward football season and are more likely to be watching Iowa's spring football practice than the opening-day baseball game, and to you I say to each his own.

But, to those who will be intently waiting for ESPN.com to load on Tuesday morning to find the score of the opening-day Yankees, Devil Rays game starting at 4 a.m. (I for one will not be awake to watch the game online), congratulations on finding eternal bliss. The flight to a 162-game heaven has just taken off.

In these days of drug controversies and outlandish money spending, there are still so many good things about baseball that it should continue to be called America's game. In fact, I will list everything good about baseball: the history, the summer afternoons, the relaxed atmosphere. All right, all right, I'll stop there because my list could be endless, but the point is, what has happened to America's national pastime that it is no longer America's game?

Last year's televised baseball playoff game ratings were the highest they had been in years, yet they barely beat out Monday Night Football. As ESPN.com writer Brian Murphy pointed out, game five of last year's ALDS between Boston and Oakland lost in the ratings to a week five Monday Night Football game between the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Indianapolis Colts. Nothing against football, but where's the love?

The nationally televised World Series games didn't draw the biggest rating numbers last season. Those went to the game 7's of the ALCS and NLCS. Once the thought of a Cubs versus Red Sox series vanished, so did public interest. This makes me again wonder, why has this happened?

Whatever the problem is, it needs to be fixed. Not only is Major League baseball viewership down, things have gotten to the point where the United States will not be represented in baseball at this year's Summer Olympics. No, this is not a war protest thing. They actually got beat out in a qualifying tournament.

America's pastime will be played at the Olympics without an American team. There can only be one explanation for this phenomenon of American anti-baseballism - the billy goat did it.

Richard Podhajsky  
Sports Writer

## Tennis hangs close with Norse

By NICK PETAROS  
Sports Editor

A pair of singles wins, along with a doubles point win, led the Wartburg tennis team in a narrow 4-3 loss to conference foe Luther Saturday.

Against Luther, Wartburg rebounded from a singles loss suffered by sophomore Gerhard Aseidu-Ofei at the No. 1 spot. Senior Nick Schauf and junior Mark Giesmann each pulled off a pair of super tiebreak set wins over the Norse (4-6, 6-3, 10-7) and (6-4, 4-6, 10-7) in the No. 2 and 3 spots, respectively, giving the Knights an early 2-1 lead. The Norse battled back to win the final four singles matches in straight sets.

In doubles, the combination of Schauf and Giesmann was victorious at No. 1, winning 9-7. In the

No. 2 match Aseidu-Ofei and junior Blake Flores won 9-8 (7-3) to secure the doubles point.

Earlier in the day the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse defeated the Knights 6-1. Against UW-LaCrosse, Giesmann earned the team's lone singles win (6-2, 6-2). He has won 10 of his last 11 matches. The only other win for the Knights came at the No. 2 doubles spot. Aseidu-Ofei and Flores teamed up for an 8-6 doubles win. The team narrowly missed winning the doubles points as Schauf and Giesmann were defeated in a tiebreaker (8-9, 7-4).

The Knights will travel to Indianola tomorrow for a meet with Simpson College at 4 p.m.

Sports Editor Nick Petaros can be reached at [Nicholas.Petaros@wartburg.edu](mailto:Nicholas.Petaros@wartburg.edu)



Ben Shonno/TRUMPET

**APPROACHING**—Senior Nick Schauf volleyed his way to one of Wartburg's two singles wins over Luther Saturday. Schauf and junior Mark Giesmann teamed up for a doubles win against the Norse.

Sports Writer Richard Podhajsky can be reached at [Richard.Podhajsky@wartburg.edu](mailto:Richard.Podhajsky@wartburg.edu)